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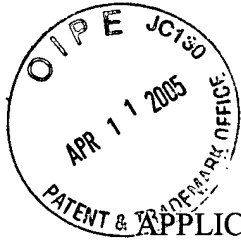
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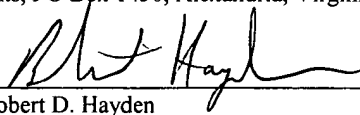
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**Statement of the Substance of an Interview**

Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary Form mailed on March 24, 2005, please make the following Statement of the Substance of an Interview of record in this application:

## Statement of the Substance of an Interview

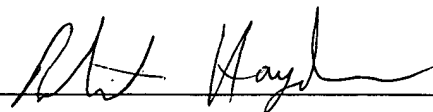
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b), Applicant requests that this statement of the substance of the interview conducted on March 15, 2005 be made of record.

In a telephonic interview conducted on March 15, 2005 between Applicant's representatives Randy Gard and Robert Hayden and Examiners Robert Olszewski, Marissa Thein, and Jim McClellan, the nature of the problem addressed by Applicant's invention, the novelty of the invention, the term "bounceback," and independent claims 26 and 30 were discussed. Claim 30 was agreed to be representative. Examiner Olszewski suggested the possibility of making a Rule 105 requirement to obtain information of the usage of the term "bounceback" in the art, but was persuaded that it might be a hardship to answer such a requirement. Examiner Olszewski suggested that claims 30-39 could contain allowable subject matter and would be reconsidered. While no agreement was reached as to the allowability of any claims, Mr. Gard agreed that Applicant might be willing to cancel claims 1-29 if claims 30-39 were allowed, but also noted that claim 26 should be allowable and that Applicant was preserving the right to pursue claims 1-29 in a continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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